

Minutes of March 10 meeting of the Uintah Basin Youth Council meeting held at Stockmans Restaurant in Vernal

Attending: Ron Tollefson, Wayne Griffin, Beth Murphy, Matt Watkins, Keith Neilsen, Judy Chambley, Shelly Ivie, Kathy Deets, Connie Perry, Margo Weeks, Shelly Ivie, Jenine Woods, Kelly Thornton, Becky Thacker, Tracy Parrish, Denise Ohler, Bob Gilbert

Guests: Zack Jacobson, Nathan Simper, Eula Weiss, Greg Cook, Wendy Parkinson, Sarah Wagner

Ron welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Denise then gave an update of youth being served from the Roosevelt Office: 66 in-school youth and 48 out of school youth are being served. The 03-04 youth budget for the office is \$68,841, with \$51,315 already obligated, and \$44,089 expended. 174 youth from 14 - 18 are registered for services, and 190 aged 18-22 are registered.

Kathy gave an update of youth being served from the Vernal Office: 21 in school youth are being served and 19 out of school youth. The Vernal EC has a budget of \$51,794, with \$35,603 obligated, and \$25,156 expended. 185 youth from 14-18 are registered for work, and 379 aged 14-22 are registered. Kathy reported that Jojo had approximately 89 students doing internships this trimester

A career fair for youth will beheld on March 17 and will go from 11:00 to 4:00 at the Roosevelt USU Building. All are invited. 20 employers/schools will have booths at the fair.

Kelly Thornton then led a discussion on identifying/building a pathway for providing services to foster kids that turn 18. Wayne and Kelly reported that a group of committees of have been set up at the state level that will deal with issues that foster kids face, including transportation, housing, employment, and getting a drivers license. Wayne said a meeting is provided to foster youth when they are leaving the system, and service providers are invited to come and offer their services to foster youth. Both DWS Offices are involved in this exit meeting. Wayne thought it was a good way to inform these youth. In the past, both Jane and JoJo have been very helpful in providing services and referrals to foster youth who need services. It was brought out that when a youth turns 18 and leaves the area, contact is lost. Need to develop some kind of follow-up or tracking system.

Kelly said she would assemble the items covered in the discussion and forward it the group for their review and comment. She would like to complete the pathway by the end of the month.

It was noted that we no longer have a represtentative from the youth detention center. Bob said he would contact someone there and work on getting a representative. Name suggested was Rick Enrico.

Connie then recognized Zack Jacobson, a WIA youth who has been working at the Ashley Valley Medical Center. He has been doing very well at AVMC, and is also taking some night classes so that he can graduate from high school and continue his education. Wendy Parkinson, a supervisor, said they would like to keep Zack, as he has learned well the functions of the office, and could now train others as they come in.

Updates were then provided: Ron said a very fine youth service providers conference was coming up and that information on it could be obtained by looking at the website called

troubledyouth.com. He said all youth providers are invited.

Connie reported that a new session of R.E.S.P.E.C.T. is beginning on March 25th, with 10 WIA youth signed up.

The next meeting is set for April 14 in Roosevelt.